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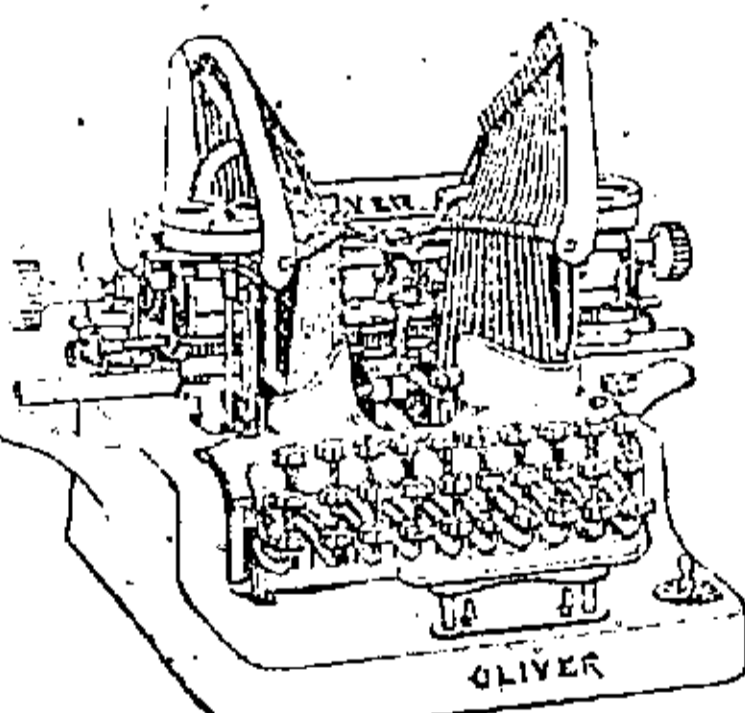
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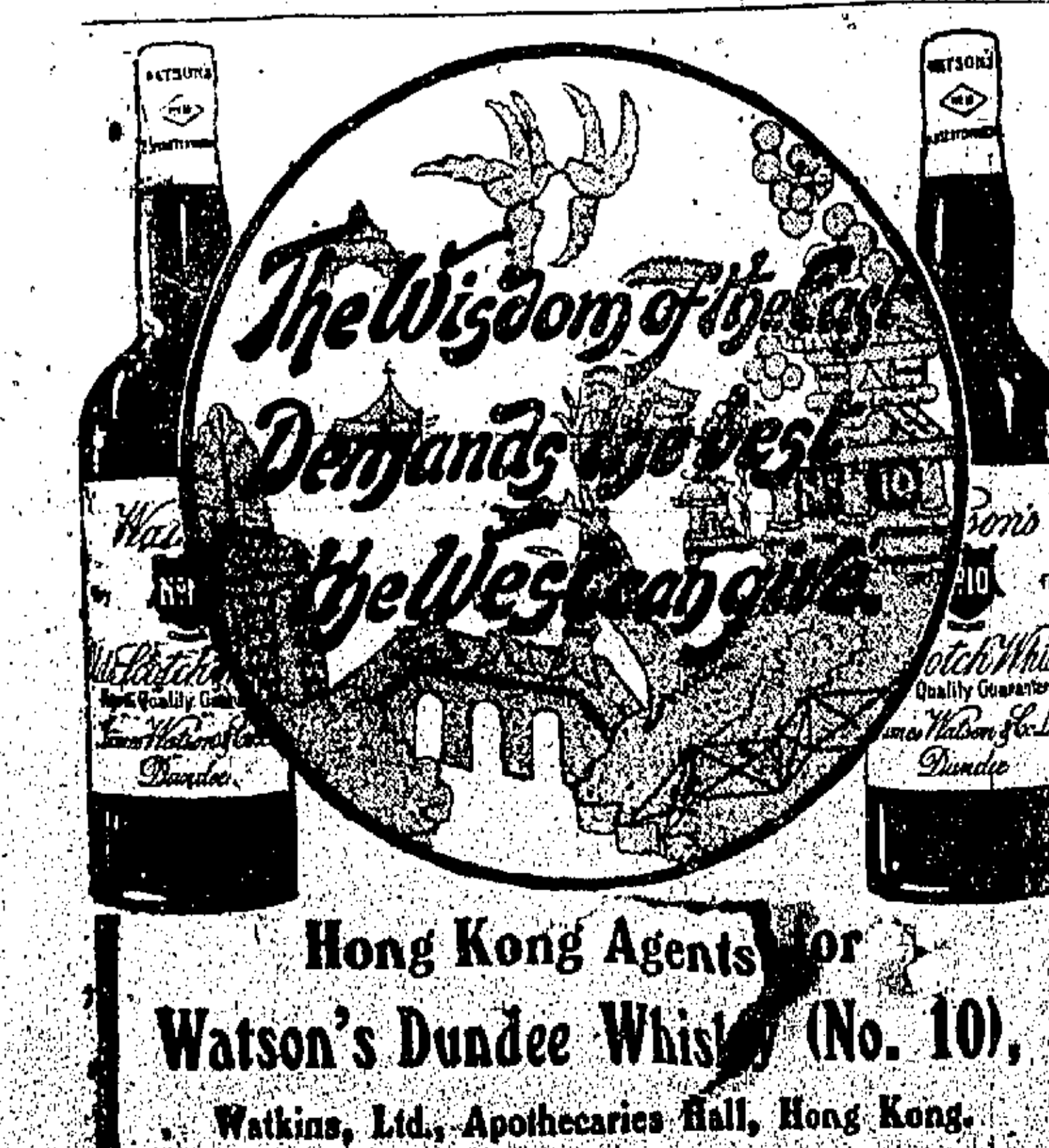
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No. 2, PEDDER STREET.
Hongkong, April 25, 1906.

Intimations.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS.
(FROM E. FILES.)
January 31.
The population of New South Wales on the 31st December is stated at 1,671,315.
More serious bush fires are reported from parts of New Zealand, but there appears to be a breaking up of the droughts in other parts, good rains having been recorded.
About 500 casual labourers employed in the Sydney timber yards struck work yesterday for an increase in wages amounting to 25 per cent.
The steamer Myall carried away from her anchorage while sheltering in Challenge Bay, and drifted on to a reef. She was badly damaged, and the water flooded her hold and extinguished the fires.
The steamer Thode Faglund which recently went ashore near Sydney, has been much damaged, her bottom having been almost torn out.
The Rev. Thomas Bird, an ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference, has committed suicide in the King's Park, Perth, West Australia, by shooting himself.
Victoria beat New South Wales by 211 runs. New South Wales in their second innings scored 241—Noble 123, Gregory 63.
England won the match against Victoria by 330 runs. Victoria's second innings totalled 172—Carroll 61, Trott 30.
A conference of the political Labour Leagues of New South Wales has carried a resolution in favour of the State ownership of sufficient coal mines as to provide for the requirement of the State.
Sir Harry Rawson's term as Governor of New South Wales has been extended for twelve months.
The consolidated revenue of Queensland for the month of January shows an increase of £4030; and for the seven months ended 31st January of £222,827. The excess of revenue over expenditure for the seven months was £235,307.

Intimations.

TRADE MARKS IN JAPAN.
Revision of Law Promised.
The Tokyo 'Asahi' of Feb. 5 published the following important statement, which we earnestly trust may prove to be well founded:—As the Japanese mining and patent laws are based on the principle of priority of application, which is in force in some of the Continental countries of Europe, great hardships are frequently inflicted upon discoverers of mines and inventors. It often happens that the benefit of discoveries or inventions which have involved the expenditure of much time and money is rescued by unscrupulous persons, aware of what is on foot and possessing some knowledge of the law, who send in applications before the real discoverers or inventors are in a position to do so. It is a matter for great regret that the labours of deserving people should be rendered fruitless in such a way. It will be remembered, as an instance, that great trouble arose in regard to Toishima, an island discovered by Mr. Mizutani, owing to the fact that, by making a prior application, another person secured the right of working the minerals there. The affair almost brought about a sanguinary combat. This is one of the most striking examples of the disadvantages of the system, but many others might be cited. In view of the rapid development which is taking place in the commercial importance of the Empire, and the constant increase of the trade intercourse with foreign countries, there is reason to fear that a continuation of the use of the prior application principle may not only lead to serious abuses at home but also injuriously affect Japan's international trade. Under these circumstances, the Government is disposed to effect a revision of the Laws in question, the idea being to replace the principle of priority of application by the British system.

Intimations.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 26th February, 1908, at 11.45 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 18th February, to TUESDAY, the 26th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Kowloon Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
Agents for the Kowloon Land & Building Company, Ltd.,
Hongkong, February 14, 1908.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE-INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.
THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1907.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 20th instant to the 5th March, both days inclusive.
By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 13, 1908.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Under- signed, at 12.30 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 10th March.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th inst. to the 10th March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATTHEW & CO., LD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, February 18, 1908.

Intimations.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 11.30 A.M. on MONDAY, 2nd March, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1907, and the Report of the General Managers.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th inst. to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.
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BIRTH.
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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 22:—
9 p.m.—Smoking Concert at Engineer Institution Room.

SUNDAY, February 23:—
Goods per *Manda* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, February 24:—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce at City Hall.
Transfer Books of Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., close from this date to 2nd March, inclusive.

Goods per *Tonkin* unclaimed after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, February 25:—
11.45 a.m.—Meeting of The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Transfer Books of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
Goods per *Benares* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 2:—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

THURSDAY, March 5:—
Noon—Meeting of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

FRIDAY, March 7:—
Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

TUESDAY, March 10:—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

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DUMPING THE DEAD.

The prevalence of the practice of dumping their dead by Chinese must, it would appear, be traced to deep-seated aversion to some rule or law at present in force, or supposed to be in force, in Hongkong. It is certainly true, as is natural in a country so large as China, that the same depth of reverence in respect of their treatment of their dead does not obtain throughout the empire. We believe that in the centre of China, for example, there is much less attention paid to the disposal of the departed than in the South, and we have ourselves seen graves so shallow, and coffins so fragile, that both earth and coffin have been disturbed by some local accident, and the corpse exposed to view. There is, however, nothing like this disconcerting throughout the South of China, and generally speaking, notwithstanding the exception mentioned above, there is no nation which, theoretically at least, shows so much genuine respect for the dead as the Chinese. It is true they do not always act in the way foreigners usually act. Take a funeral cortege seen recently. It consisted of six coolies bearing the coffin, and three rickshas in which were seated three female mourners. When the coolies reached a wayside tea and fruit stand they dropped their burden and regarded themselves with tea and fruit. Meanwhile the rickshas were compelled to come to a standstill

and the inmates to remain seated in the cold wind until it suited the bearers to proceed. But this would not be regarded as greatly lacking in respect by the Chinese. Probably, however, if there had been men amongst the mourners, the coolies would have hardly been allowed so much freedom. Anyone conversant with the Chinese Classics will easily recall some of the several references made to the dead and to the treatment of the departed found therein. There was, at the time when the Classics were being formed, hardly any matter that was deemed more worthy of attention. Moreover, as those old time men increased their wealth, and won a higher social position, they never begrudged any extra expenditure upon the funerals of their deceased relatives. There is a case in which Mencius was mixed up that occurs to us at this moment. A certain Duke was about to pay a visit of respect to Mencius, but was turned from his purpose by a favourite who met him as he was leaving his court. The favourite suggested that Mencius was too extravagant in his expenditure at the funeral of some relative or friend. It was the second time that Mencius had the control of funeral arrangements, and they were now much more elaborate than on the former occasion. The Duke was therefore advised not to show respect to one so extravagant. That the obsequies were more expensive than on the former occasion was admitted. There was "a greater excellence in the coffin, the shell, the grave clothes, and the shroud." But then the explanation was satisfactory. "On the first occasion he used the rites appropriate to a scholar, and, on the second, those appropriate to a great officer." This incident is referred to here to show that it was, in those days, considered essential to show respect to the dead according to their position and income. Anyone who has lived in China will also know that whatever is done or left undone in respect of the living, the dead are always treated with the utmost respect, unless, perchance, it be a beggar in the streets. A decent burial must be arranged for at the expense of the living. Moreover, one need not spend many months in China without being requested to assist in furnishing a coffin for some poor person. In China bodies are sometimes dumped and left to rotify a feeling of revenge, when sometimes a corpse is brought and placed at the gates or door of some one against whom the relatives of the deceased have a grudge, or a real or fancied grievance. Everybody will have a funeral of some kind, and everything will be done decently and in order. In the Christian Churches, in communion with which, as is natural at this stage, there are some poor, there is generally a fund from which grants may be made, in order to insure that a becoming funeral shall be given to the departed, and there is no fund, except, perhaps, that for the support of the native minister, to which the Chinese Christians are more willing to subscribe. These facts go to show that the opinion which is current in the South of China, in regard to the respect in which the Chinese hold their dead is correct. It is obvious therefore, that there is some deep seated cause, for the disgusting custom of dumping, which is opposed, both to the common instincts of humanity, and, especially, is out of harmony with the training of the Chinese and the teaching of their religion. The causes which lead the Chinese to act so contrary to their natural instincts, should if possible, be discovered, and then, if it could be done, removed. In the meantime the Government would be well advised to reconsider the question of the disposal of bodies found dumped in public places. We previously urged that such bodies should be cremated and readers will remember that several esteemed Chinese correspondents denounced the proposal as barbarous and declared that a more humane administration of the law would effectually put an end to the practice. The laws have been less harshly administered and dumping continues. The moral is obvious.

Everyone agrees that the position of Asiatics in the self-governing British colonies is the most pressing of the immediate problems which confront the Empire. What is wanted says the "World," is an Imperial Assembly with wide authority, where the principle of give-and-take would naturally establish itself and prejudices would cancel one another. Here is the germ of a big idea—a job for Empire builders!

From the fact of a grave announcement that a Consul for Mexico has taken up his residence in Hankow, where he has had the usual interchanges of courtesy with the high provincial and other officials, we infer that so far from being "exclusive" as in past days, China is now obsessed with the idea that the more consulates and consuls within her borders the better for the peace, prosperity, and happiness of the Empire. She no longer avoids—on the contrary she seeks contact with—foreign countries. No longer desirous of shutting her gates she would open them as widely as possible that any "righteous nation" which speaketh truth may enter in. If however the Chinese are going in their number from Yangtze ports to South America and settling in Mexico there may be reasons that we wot not of for Mexican Consulates in China. In any event the change of policy is significant and it is no longer just to speak of China as the most exclusive of all the nations upon earth.

Another marvel has been before us in the shape of a sarcastic and humorous notice of proceedings before a native tribunal in the regular course of its administrative functions. A magistrate in one of the home counties of Kwangtung appointed an officer to receive petitions to be thereafter dealt with according to the forms of law. The person so appointed tried to insist that petitioners should in presenting their petitions follow the old time practice of kneeling. The endeavour has provoked a storm of abuse in the native press. To read what has been written on the subject is to wonder whether it ever was the practice in Chinese law-courts for witnesses to kneel, whether they ever were tortured as the best means of getting the truth from unwilling lips, whether there ever was an "audience question" or any such thing as a court ceremonial with prescribed knockings and bowings of loyal subjects before the Imperial Throne. We are grieved at this tendency to ignore the past, to take for granted all that has come to China in the present, to affect an ignorance of the "chains and slavery," from which the nation has by no means wholly escaped, and generally to put on all the airs and graces of the free born. No statements are better substantiated than certain that have been made from time to time regarding the "audience question," tortuous Chinese courts of justice, and ceremonial of a character to prove up to the hilt that petitioners were once required to kneel.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Saunders and Brown's patent fire alarms are being installed in various parts of the city. It has taken a long time to have these necessities introduced.

Retreat is to be sounded by the Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion Cameron Highlanders on Fridays on the Murray Barracks Parade ground.

The Superintendents of the Italian Convent asks us to announce that anyone desirous of assisting the renovation of the Home for the Poor might send donations to the Convent.

For returning from banishment and stealing a quantity of clothing from a house at West Point, a native was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks, at the Magistracy to-day.

The transport "Hardinge" is expected to arrive on 24th instant with the 13th Rajputs, who will be quartered at Kowloon. The ship will sail for Kanchi on or about 1st March with the 120th Baluchis.

A batch of thirty-two gamblers were charged at the Magistracy to-day with playing po chee, at Samshui on Wednesday night. Mr. H. H. Gompertz after hearing the evidence, fined the two keepers \$50 each, and each of the players \$5.

The annual general meeting of the Church Missionary Association, will be held in St. Paul's College on Friday, Feb. 21, at 5.15 p.m. The Bishop of Victoria will preside and an address will be given by the Venerable Archdeacon Moule, of Mid-China.

A meeting of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held at the Magistracy, at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23rd to consider an application from Kikuro Uyesuki for an adjourned licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors on the premises Nos. 36 and 37, Connaught Road Central under the sign of "Sai Foo Row."

A DEAD BOXER CHIEF.

The future historian of present day happenings will have many incidents, and events to narrate of the character designated by Mr. Giles as "Stranger Tales." Yesterday we recorded the death, in distant Kun Suk, of Tung Fu-Hsiang (or Tung Fuk Tsung), the man who of all others was responsible under the Empress Dowager for the use made of the Peking Legations, and other outward and manifest signs of "China in convulsion."

Tung Fu-Hsiang it was, who, having all the powers of a military dictator, and having under his control the Northern Army, did the Empress Dowager's will; supported her in setting up the puppet Emperor Tai-au-ko, and in every turn and winding of the policy that was to rid the empire of foreigners for ever more, to establish a sovereignty in which the Manchus should take a new lease of power, and by the night of arms thrust the State back into the darkness of former ages.

Tung was the willing and obedient tool of his august mistress. His soldierly was turned against her foes and for a time, until the relief of the Legations, the key of the situation was in his hands. The Empress Dowager flattered her schemes came to naught, and in course of time her trusted henchman found his way into Kun Suk with his troops. There he has seen fit to abide, keeping up a certain military state, with forces sufficient to render him formidable—a source of danger to the State in any time of stress or crisis.

Now we find his death reported and conjoined therewith a statement by the Viceroy of the provinces that the wealth in estate or property of whatsoever kind, being confiscated to the State, has been duly seized and confiscated accordingly. "Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis." The whirligig of time has brought its revenges, and the irony of the situation is that the property of the great military dictator who stood for all that was ancient in the regime of administration, who was the leading exponent of the old conservative policy and the chief means by which the Empress Dowager was to carry that policy to the proper issues; his accumulation of wealth, his land and houses, and all that he died possessed of are to be used for furthering schemes of education for bringing to pass reforms and generally in advancing China into line with Western nations. "Put not your trust in princes," is the counsel of the Hebrew psalmist. It would, we apprehend, meet with as certain response in the minds of many disaffected Chinese.

The example of Tung Fu-Hsiang will be quoted during the decades and centuries to follow as a warning against blind loyalty and one-sided devotion that racks not of consequences, and lays all it has on the altars of State. The inwardness of the story shows that in China the patriot must needs be of the highest type regardless of the consequences to himself, not only from those on whose behalf the deeds of patriotism were done, and the sufferings of the patriot endured.

Mr. A. Henry Savage-Landor in "China and the Allies" refers to the "Mahomedan General Tung Fu-Hsiang, as foreign-baiting a man as ever lived in China." It was from the "well-armed ill behaved soldiery" of this general, thousands of whom had been for some time prior to the siege of the Legations streaming into Peking that danger to Europeans was expected. In this interesting book Mr. Savage-Landor rather neglects the picturesque personality of the General. In fact beyond remarking that he aided and abetted the arch-conspirator Prince Tuan he has but little to say about him beyond remarking incidentally that after the Legations had been relieved, "Within the Imperial precincts (the Forbidden City) the funeral troops of Tung Fu-Hsiang had hurried themselves, their General shortly before the fall of Peking, having wisely taken ten days' leave, which he was not anxious to curtail."

He might have added that for months a ter Peking folk entered into the lands of the Allies rumours were perpetually being spread that Tung was returning with his army to retake the city.

THE LIARS.

To-night is the first performance of "The Liars" by the local Dramatic Club. Those who were present at the dress rehearsal state that the acting is of a superior type, and the public are promised a good presentation.

MANILA'S CARNIVAL.

Queens Selected.

At last the queens are out of their hive, and the droves may know their identity (says a Manila paper.) Miss Margery Colton and Miss Purita Villanueva are to reign over the Carnival. It is all settled after weeks of waiting. Two of the most charming maidens of the islands are to be the sovereigns of the great fest. They will sit enthroned over the deliberations of the Fools and their courtiers, and will make nobles wherever their royal highnesses may desire.

Miss Colton is the sister of the Collector of Customs, Colonel George R. Colton, and Miss Villanueva is the daughter of Don Emilio Villanueva, of Hilo, a distinguished gentleman who was the head of Bulacan province during the Spanish regime.

WHEOPING COUGH.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy will greatly lessen the severity of whooping cough. It liquefies the tough mucus, making expectoration easy and keeps the cough loose. Any tendency toward pneumonia or other serious results is promptly counteracted. Sold by all chemists and druggists.

CRICKET.

England v. N. S. W.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 19.

The English eleven continued their second innings yesterday and were not dismissed until the total stood at 456.

Of this number Brund contributed 132 and his wicket was still intact when the innings closed.

Two of the New South Wales batsmen were out when stumps were drawn, the score standing at 78.

New South Wales thus requires 309 runs to win with eight wickets to fall.

MOROCCO.

Loan To Abdel Aziz.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

LOSANOS, February 19.

The Moorish State Bank, with the approval of France, has lent a sum equivalent to £100,000 to Abdel Aziz to pay his soldiers whose pay is greatly in arrears.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

Warlike Preparations.

The Turks Mobilising.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 19.

The Russian newspapers in the Caucasus give detailed accounts of the mobilisation of the Sultan's troops on the Russian and Persian borders.

These papers estimate that in the vicinity of the frontiers there are no fewer than twenty seven regiments in readiness to advance to the actual frontier when necessary.

Three of the frontier districts have been ordered to furnish ten additional regiments each.

The Turkish troops are armed with the most modern weapons.

(REUTER'S SERVICE.)

"A SERIOUS PROBLEM."

"Stern Times Approaching."

LONDON, February 18.

The situation in the Balkans, arising from the Austrian project of a railway to Salonika is the absorbing topic at home and abroad. The Austrian press is confident of a peaceful solution of the difficulty, believing that Russia will accept as a counter concession, a Danube-Adriatic railway.

The London "Times" says that the shattering of the European Concert has destroyed the hopes of reforms in Macedonia; Great Britain is faced with a serious problem, but is ready to coerce the Porte.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the foundations of European peace have begun to sink, and that stern times are approaching.—Reuter.

JAPANESE IN VANCOUVER.

Arrest of Two Men.

LONDON, February 18.

The Japanese Vice-Consul in Ottawa has interviewed the Secretary of State, in reference to the arrest of two Japanese at Victoria on the 17th inst. and the Department of Justice of British Columbia has been instructed to take Habeas Corpus proceedings and to preserve the treaty rights of Japan.

An application for the return of a birth certificate alleged to have been granted to John Sam Hoo at Townsville, Queensland, and deposited with the Kwong Hing firm, was dismissed by His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise this morning. Plaintiff's solicitor (Mr. G. Gardiner) wanted another adjournment but defendant's solicitor (Mr. Otto Kong Sing) objected. His Honour considered there had been enough delay and dismissed the case.

DO NOT NEGLECT THE CHILDREN.

At this season of the year the first natural looseness of a child's bowels should have immediate attention. The thing that can be given is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy followed by castor oil or directed with each bottle of the remedy. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

SUPPOSED MURDER.

A Lighthouse Keeper Killed.

(From Our Correspondent.)
 AMOY, February 20.
 Great excitement has been caused here by the mysterious death of Russell, the lighthouse keeper at Dodd Island, who is supposed to have been murdered.
 Early yesterday morning Russell was found in a dying condition on the veranda of a Japanese house at Kungshu, and he subsequently expired.
 The funeral took place to-day.

THE LATE BOXER CHIEF.

His Property Confiscated.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)
 PEKING, February 19.
 Further instructions have been sent to the Governor of Kansu, Sheng Yun, by the Peking Government, relating to the disposal of the property of Tung Fu Hsiang, the Boxer leader, whose death was reported yesterday.
 The Government has ordered the confiscation of all arms and ammunition belonging to Tung's army, which is reported to be a very large one, and which has been with the General ever since his retirement in Kansu.
 He is reported to have possessed enormous sums of money, which the Government has likewise ordered to be confiscated.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A smoking concert is to be held at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders on Feb. 22.

Mr. C. E. H. Beavis has been admitted as a partner in the firm of Wilkinson and Grist, Solicitors.

Station leave of absence, with permission to travel in the neighbouring countries, has been granted to Lieutenant C. Ryley, R.A.H.C., from 2nd February to 7th March, 1908.

Mr. J. B. Sutor, the Commissioner in the East for the State of New South Wales, is now in the Colony. Actually he is on a needed health trip to Java, having been attacked with typhoid in Kobe, and having been in hospital over two months.

The honour awarded to Mr. Frith by the King, on the veteran painter entering his ninetieth year, is likewise an honour to the whole of the now small band of Victorian artists whom it has been the pleasure of so many of the critics to deride of late years. That contempt has been obediently reduced in the auction rooms, where many excellent works have been literally given away, not excepting some by this admirable nonagenarian. However, the tide has recently shown symptoms of turning. By the way, a still more aged and hale artist even than Mr. Frith is Mr. Challow, now in his ninety-sixth year, probably the day of his profession.

Although the talented lady, Miss Joan Ritz, has but lately joined the theatrical ranks, she is rapidly coming to the front, and will undoubtedly be one of our principal light opera artists in the near future. Scarcely a year ago Miss Ritz was playing the part of Veronique with a company of amateurs, when she was seen by one of our well-known theatrical impresarios, who immediately offered her an engagement for the part of San Toy and Mimosa San in the "Geisha," an offer which she very wisely accepted. The old adage that "Actors are born and not made" proves itself in this case. Miss Ritz is at present playing the part of Zola in the pantomime of "Sindbad the Sailor" at the Kings' Theatre, Hammersmith, and a daintier principal girl it would be difficult to find.

The recent marriage of Mr. Mark Hambourg, the distinguished pianist, was not without a spice of romance, and the musician's sister, Miss Gaila Hambourg, has continued and strengthened the tradition by her marriage with Mr. Reginald Grey Coko, which is reported to have taken place in December at Chicago. Mr. Mark Hambourg is at present on a concert tour in America, and his sister had travelled thither to see him. Mr. Coko, who, by the way, is related to the house of the Duke of Leinster, joined Miss Hambourg at Chicago, and the ceremony took place immediately. Mark Hambourg giving his sister away. Mr. Reginald Coko is an exceedingly beautiful girl of twenty, possessing features similar in type to those of her brother, who has been named the modern Rubinstein, and to perpetuate the similarity, her skill on the pianoforte is nearly as great as that of the talented young pianist himself.

A wheelwright named Campbell of Lawrence, Otago, has inherited a fortune of £30,000, and a few plantations in Otago, through the death of a relative at home.

THE SEIZED STEAMER.

JAPAN'S DEMANDS.

One of the most influential of the Canton papers states that the Japanese Consul at Canton is taking a strong stand in regard to his demands to the Viceroy in respect of the captured steamer. His demands are now said to be four.
 (1) That the steamer be at once released.
 (2) That the soldiers who took part in her arrest be at once punished and made an example of.
 (3) That an apology be made to the Japanese Government for what has taken place.
 (4) That at no future time will any such breach of international law be allowed to take place again.
 Such is the detailed statement that has been published.
 The native papers attack these demands hotly, and after saying that there is the fullest evidence that the steamer was carrying contraband goods, inasmuch as it is admitted that the arms were on board the steamer, that they were not for the Portuguese Government, and that they were really to be used in fishing boats, they call upon the Viceroy, and especially the people to resist such demands to the very last. Of course, all well informed readers know well enough that the Chinese have no means of resisting the Japanese Government, and so such appeals will perhaps do little harm, except stir up hatred against the Japanese.

WHAT IS THE INTENTION?

(From Our Correspondent.)
 CANTON, February 19.
 The Canton military authorities seem to be directing their attention to places near Macao. In official circles it is reported that a movement for the concentration of soldiers to serve as a garrison at Chumshan is on foot, and it is further stated that the only place from which arms and ammunition can be smuggled into China is from the neighbourhood of Macao. It has been discovered on more than one occasion, but no arrest was effected, that smuggling to an abnormal extent has been carried on under the protection of foreigners.
 But for the checking of arms running it is not necessary to increase the forces on the boundaries of Macao, for that is what the Chinese Government is doing according to reports from official quarters.

The Chinese generally are under the impression that Macao was never ceded to Portugal but that the place was only rented to that country, and that in the day of Marquis Tsao rentals were paid annually to China, and it may be that in view of the alleged arms running and demarcation her lost territory, the concentration of troops has taken place.

The repeated orders from Peking for the creation of an additional army and the recent arrival from Germany of an enormous quantity of arms and ammunition are significant that something is in the air.

SPORTING.

Football.

THE SHIELD COMPETITION.
 The following will represent the H.K.F.C. in the 2nd round of the Challenge Shield v. H. Co., Cameron Highlanders at 3.15 on Saturday, Feb. 22nd.—Goal: F. H. Kew; backs: E. Humphreys and H. L. O. Garrett; halves: J. Hall, W. Ironside and A. Gregory; forwards: W. H. Williams, L. T. Wicket, O. Eager, R. R. Turner and T. Mead.
 Referee: Lt. Mullins, H.M.S. Tamar. Mr. E. F. Aucott, the Captain, is unfortunately unable to play owing to indisposition.

Yachting.

YACHTING RACE.
 A Cup, presented by the Commodore of the Club (Hon. Mr. E. H. May), for Cruisers, will be sailed for on the 8th of March, under the rules of the Club.
 Co-sponsors: From Police Pier round the most Northerly of the two Outlying Rocks off Ling Ting Island (port). Start at 9 a.m., first gun 8.55 a.m., time limit 12 midnight.
 The start will be made off the Police Pier from a line indicated by the white post with white disc in the roadway at the shore end of the Pier, and the lamp post on the Pier Head, and passing between the Pier and a Dingy moored in the fairway. Each boat must be in cruiser trim with all gear, provisions, and bedding on board. Each owner or his representative is to keep his finishing time and to send it to the Hon. Sec. of the Yachting Committee as soon as convenient.

HANDICAP.
 La Cigale Scratch.
 Brynild 12 Min.
 Thistle 25 "
 Vandana 25 "
 Miranda 50 "
 Snipe 55 "
 Australian 55 "
 Syren 75 "
 Eileen (late Dorothy) 110 "
 Dawsin 130 "

There will be an entrance fee of \$3.00, which will go towards a prize for the 1st boat on her handicap of the opposite class to the winner of the cup.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Tremendous Deficit in Accounts.

(From Our Correspondent.)
 CANTON, February 18.
 A tremendous deficit is reported in the capital account of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company owing to previous mismanagement. Of the \$8,000,000 which has been collected as the first call of \$2 each, there remains now a cash balance of something in the neighbourhood of \$3,000,000. During the year under review only 20 ft. (1 mile is equal to 3.3 ft.) has been metalled, and it is clear that a large sum of money has been misappropriated.

CHINA AND PORTUGAL.

Macao Boundary Question.

(From Our Correspondent.)
 CANTON, February 19.

The question of the Macao boundary has engaged the attention of the Provincial authorities for some time. This matter has cropped up owing to information having been received that the Portuguese Government has been endeavouring to encroach upon Chinese Territory for some time.
 The matter was first brought before the notice of the authorities by the Heung Shan Self-Government Society, which informed the Canton Viceroy that in the event of the Chinese Government not desiring to take steps to check it, the society themselves would take the place over for an experiment in Self-Government.
 As a result of this communication, the Canton authorities have deputed an official to deal with the matter. A sketch has been prepared, and the demarcation of the boundary between Macao and the district of Hongsan is clearly defined and is as follows:—
 The Mongha Wood Factory marks the boundary between Macao and Chun Shan; the waters of Chun Shan as far as Kau-O, Malacua, Pinglingshuk and Liobian are under Chinese jurisdiction, Wanchai and Ching Ching, included. Places under Portuguese jurisdiction beyond those mentioned have to be restored to China.

Wood oil was last quoted at Taels 9.80 which during the last two days declined to Taels 9.40. To-day it rises to Taels 10.00 owing to the scarcity of stocks. The arrival from Shanghai of two vessels with consignments of some 6,000 tons of groundnut oil has helped to send down the price, which was last quoted at Taels 12.35, to Taels 11.90 to-day. The present stock in the colony is estimated at 8,900 tons.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE FAR EAST.

Report by the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce.

An interesting review of the chief features of the past year in connection with the countries of the Far East appears in the Annual Report just published by the Chamber of Commerce at Hamburg. The Report points out, in regard to China, that the present unfavourable position of affairs is, apparently, only a temporary one, and that signs of more healthy conditions are visible, while the war has not yet opened the opening of new ports. Of the opening of the entire country there are unfortunately, however, no signs, and so much the less so in view of the fact that the national consciousness of China is more and more coming to the front. The Report in this connection the railway difficulties. Referring to the Siberian mail route, the hope is strongly expressed that this will be opened at the earliest possible moment to trade samples and printed matter. The Chamber considers that the real cause of the delay in the opening of the route is a leading part in China is a great danger to the trade of Western Powers. This is exhibited in the Japanese competition which Germany has experienced in the shipping of China. In 1905 Germany still occupied the second place in Japan, while the statistics for 1906 show that Japan, with over 11,000,000 tons, is far ahead of Germany, with about 7,500,000 tons. Referring to the trade-mark question, the Report says it is urgently desirable, in view of the frauds practised by Japanese merchants, that other foreign Powers should jointly approach the Government at Tokyo in order that a stop may be put to such unfair trading.

There are a number of points of interest in the portion of the review dealing with China. The Chamber states that the session has been taken of the tenth anniversary of the occupation of this territory to criticise the political and commercial value of the protectorate. The choice of Tientsin as a maritime base on the coast of China is still, unfortunately, regarded as a mistake in the eyes of the Chinese, and a commercial development of the place, lying, as it does, somewhat outside the most important trade routes, is still doubtful, although it is generally recognised that the Imperial Navy has created there in a comparatively short time a first-class and suitable port, possessing large docks, etc., and modern machinery for the prompt loading and unloading of large ships, to which no port in China, even famous Hongkong included, can be compared. But unfavourable critics forget to take into consideration the fact that Tientsin is the entrance door to a great Hinterland, with which it is already connected by the railway constructed as far as the capital of Shantung, while the proposed extension of the line to Tientsin or to Kai Feng Fu will open up a territory about twice as large as all Germany, fertile and rich in minerals, and possessing a population of 80,000,000. The Report goes on to point out the great strides which Tientsin and the surrounding territory has steadily made in the last 40 years. In nine years it surpassed Chefoo, opened 43 years ago, while at the close of the first quarter of 1907 the port stood seventh among the whole of the 38 Chinese ports, being now only surpassed in trade by Shanghai, Canton, Tientsin, Hankow, Swatow, and Chinkiang. Before such facts "all doubts as to its future should vanish. The really growing number of Chinese merchants is the final guarantee of the favourable prospects of future development, and that those prospects are good is recognised by other Powers, the United States having appointed a Consul and Great Britain a Consular Agent at Tientsin.

Dealing with Japan, the Chamber specially points the growth of the textile industry in that country, and anticipates that Japan will put forth every effort to continue her general industrial progress in view of the present favourable opportunity of obtaining a firm footing in the adjacent countries for the disposal of her surplus production. The participation of Germany in Japan's trade remains satisfactory. The export to that country was recently somewhat more brisk, following easier prices at home owing to the financial crisis. Germany participated in the supply of locomotives and rails, machinery for sugar manufacturing, arsenals, &c. After noting the continued progress in the trade of Siam, and the somewhat less satisfactory state of affairs in the Straits Settlements, the Chamber points out that the import of Netherlands Indian products, principally opium, into Germany is still growing. The Government is planning new railway lines through Sumatra, which will open much new territory to trade. The petroleum industry in Sumatra and Dutch Borneo is becoming more and more important in international commerce.

STUBBORN COUGHS.

DO not allow a cold to linger as it indicates some throat or lung trouble. The timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will avoid all danger. For sale by all chemists and store-keepers.

COMMERCIAL.

The Dock Company is pretty full of work at the moment, and the Kent is due in for overhauling.

On the Rio de Janeiro is quiet. Banks are cheap at present quotations, and to-day a batch of Hongkong Milling Co. scrip sold for \$150 per share.

Mr. J. B. Sutor, the Commissioner in the East for the State of New South Wales, arrived this morning from Japan, via Manila, and leaves here in a few days for Java. On his return from Java he will again in the Colony a few weeks.

No profitable sales are reported in the rice market to-day. Only very small quantities have been purchased for Canton, which does not help to give spirit to the market at all. Such being the case, no large shipments are expected from the rice producing countries for some little time yet.

The third ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Milling Company Limited will be held on March 7 at the Company's Offices. This is the first public meeting of this company, and we understand the report will disclose a profit on the year's working of 16 per cent., this despite the fact that more flour from foreign ports came to the Colony last year than in any previous year.

The returns of the Mergui Pearl Fisheries show 89 tons of mother-of-pearl shells exported during 1907, valued at Rs. 91,469, corresponding to 92 tons, valued at Rs. 95,428 for the previous year. The value of both pearls and shells has increased during that period. It has been probably found that the banks are becoming exhausted, owing to the chase of divers deteriorating, though two experts sent out to investigate the pearl banks of the Mergui and Tavoy coasts and to study the life history of the Mergui pearl oysters last year have not yet submitted their Report. The inference appears to be supported by the fact that the shells are now more difficult to obtain, and are less numerous than formerly, but it is believed that the banks will recover their former productiveness.

WHAT IS AN ASSET?
 Reports and balance sheets come out in rapid succession at this time of the year and this has inspired Mr. Charles Duguid, in the "World" to remark: "The moment is opportune for again drawing attention to the faulty way many boards of directors have of stating their results for the year. In many cases they could scarcely be more obscure if the primary object was to conceal what had really happened from shareholders and the public. The old question of whether reserves should be separately invested or used in the business must be left to the discretion of boards of directors, since it depends entirely on the circumstances surrounding individual cases. A very important point, however, is as to what may properly be included as an asset. It is difficult to understand how any accountant can allow a balance sheet to be presented in which some of the assets are represented by values which are not only valueless, but are actually debts against the concern. For instance, the balance sheet of a certain London 'bank' could be produced in which assets representing more than one-fourth of the paid-up capital consist of such items as 'purchase of business', 'preliminary expenses', 'balance of profit and loss account'. Many others contain large sums for goodwill, which are obviously of no value whatever. It may be admitted that a balance sheet must balance—the two sides must show the same amount—but it should be quite easy to state first the assets that possess value and then to give as a balance, in order to make up the required sum, the items that are not assets at all. While over-valuation in company matters is much to be deprecated, it does appear that a definition of an asset is urgently required, and there is room for a model form of balance sheet and profit and loss account."

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—
 On the 20th at 11.50 a.m.—The barometer has risen over Japan, and fallen over China.
 Pressure is highest over the Lower Yangtze, and lowest over the S. part of the China Sea.
 Gradients are slight to moderate.
 Fresh monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and over the N. part of the China Sea.
 Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.0 inch.
 Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.
 1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. to E. winds, fresh; dull, probably some rain.
 2.—Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)
 EDINBURGH, January 1.

The influence of the New Year has continued much longer than usual. The week which is just ending has come surprisingly near the designation "nothing doing." That is not to say, of course, that things have been at a standstill. "Nothing doing" is an expression very often used in the newspaper world when the telegraph instruments are clicking out intelligence all day long. It simply means that nothing of outstanding importance has been happening, nothing unusually stirring or exciting on the newspaper horizon. And the wheels are going round how much as usual, only the hum is quieter, and in the off-hours most people are devoting themselves to social and other pleasures instead of worrying over the details of great affairs. Politicians in the North are happily silent. That is to say, all except our brisk Lord Advocate and the indefatigable Mr. Haldane, the latter having taken the field already with three addresses in one day in the West Country. But perhaps we often forget that, even when we are deafened with speeches, their echo is a very small matter before it reaches you.
 "Over the wide and unhearing ocean."

The Radicals are something about the great expansion of our trade during the past year. Another side of the picture is presented by the necessary activity of Relief Committees in every part of Scotland. The other day the Trades Council of Glasgow stated that there were about ten thousand able and willing workers in that City who could find no employment there.

The Free Traders decline to collate the two sets of figures. They are wise. If the total were put against the other, it would be rather inconvenient to those who wish to think that the cheapness of foreign imports means internal national prosperity.

Our climate has one advantage; there is no end to its surprises. It always gives us a good deal to talk about. Last week, harvesting was going on near Linlithgow, and within sight were crowds of people enjoying skating and curling on a good stretch of ice. In Fifehire, a large field overlooking the County town is still harbouring the grain that was cut only a week or two ago. The stocks are half-hidden by the snow. Nor is this an isolated case, for unfortunately harvesters may still be seen busily at work on several farms within "The Kingdom."

Mr. Asquith will probably be a candidate for the Lord Rectorship of Aberdeen University. He stood in 1902, and on that occasion was defeated on a narrow majority by Lord Ritchie.

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every Scot who is a lover of the memorials of his country's past. One is that the Secretary for Scotland proposes to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the condition of our ancient buildings with a view to their proper preservation. The other is that Sir Donald Currie has undertaken the restoration of the choir of Dunkeld Cathedral, and has remitted to a Committee, which includes such names as the Duke of Atholl, the Marquis of Tullibardine, and the Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod, to see that the work is well and thoroughly carried out. The old Cathedral is a place of memories, not only for the people of Atholl and Angus, but for the whole of Scotland. It was the see of Gairn Douglas, the translator of the "Aeneid." It was sacked at the Reformation as completely as if its old neighbour, the "Wolf of Badenoch," whose tomb it still shelters, had had a hand in the work. And its condition was not improved in the Civil Wars, when, after Killicrankie, it was held by the Cameronian Regiment against the fierce onslaught of the Highlanders.

ROBBERY AT CANTON.

Canton-Hankow Railway Station Attacked.

(From Our Correspondent.)
 CANTON, February 18.

A robbery was committed on the second section station of the Canton-Hankow Railway on the 14th instant, and a large amount of valuables have been carried away. No exact estimate could be obtained.

The attack was made at 2 o'clock in the morning by some fifteen robbers who were well armed and provided with modern lanterns. When the alarm was given, a guard of ten "horses" were sent out, but no trace of the robbers could be found. They are still at large.

STATE OWNERSHIP.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
Australian Ports	Eastern (s).....	Jibb, Livingston & Co
Benton & New York.	Kennedee (s).....	Standard Oil Co.
Cebu & Hilo.	Kailone (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.
		Feb. 29, at Noon.
		About Mar. 7
		Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.

Fiume, Trieste, &c....	Austria (s).....	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Feb. 22, a.m.
Japan & Portland, Or.	Arabia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	End of Feb.
Kobe and Yokohama	Tamba Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 22, Daylight.

London, &c.	Devanha (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 22, at Noon.
L'don, A'erp & H'burg	Flint-hire (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 22, at Noon.
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PEAK HOTEL.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.
February 20, 1908.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Dish.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,600	\$ 125	all	\$700, sellers 280

nages du Tonkin
 Raph Aust. Gold Mining Co.,

HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd. ...	12,000	\$	60	all \$104
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	30,000	\$	35	\$ 25 \$207
EXPENSES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	30,000	\$	10	\$ 10 \$104, sales
Watkins Limited	10,000	\$	10	\$ 10 \$34

MORTGAGE.			
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited...	7,000	£ 10	all £175, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	60,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 113
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	£ 10	£145, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	£ 10	£113, sellers
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 100	£161, buyers
Battle Ambestos Eastern Agency, Limited	5,000	£ 12/8	12/8 3/4, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	500,000	£ 10	4 3/4, buyers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	£ 10	£150, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited	25,000	£ 10	£10, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	6,000	£ 25	all £240
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	16,000	£ 20	£10 Tls. 380
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	60,350	£ 15	£ 15 3/85, New.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	£ 10	all £25, buyers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 60	Tls. 60, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Limited	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75 Tls. 55
Loao-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	5,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100 Tls. 75
Soo Choo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500 Tls. 270
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Limited	200,000	£ 1	£ 1 3/4, sales & sellers
China Boreas Company, Ltd.	60,000	£ 12	£ 13, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,250	£ 10	all £17, buyers

Wm. Powell, Limited

South China Morning Post.....	8,000	15	3	350
China Light and Power Co. {	50,000	10	3	40
Steam Laundry Company, Limited..	20,000	10	3	100
Weissmann Limited.....	175	10	3	100
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Limited.....	67,500	10	3	10
Alambra Limited.....	500	10	3	10
LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1885 £Tls. 767,800Tls. 2507 1/2 p. annum P.				

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